

# METHODIST QUINTET TO PLAY IMPORTANT CONTESTS THIS WEEK

Wesleyan Meets W. & J. Five at Home and Company "C" Team at Charleston.

BUCKHANNON, Feb. 12.—At the very close of the eastern basketball trip, which has been occupying in such a strenuous fashion the attention of the Wesleyan basketball players, the men have a game at Charleston with Company C of the national guard that to them overshadows almost any other game of the entire trip in importance because of the fact that to lose it would lose not only a good deal of the prestige that Wesleyan now enjoys in the state capital, but also the chance it has of claiming the independent championship of the state at the end of the season. Of course the collegiate championship is yet to be won, but Charleston is one of the strongest of the independent teams of the state and last year Wesleyan's 31-14 victory in the city of Kanawha had no little weight in bringing to the local five the honor of champions of West Virginia in all classes of the sport including collegiate, independent and the Young Men's Christian Association. Wesleyan plays Charleston Wednesday night and the game no doubt will be a good one. On the two night preceding this, Wesleyan will have met the University of Virginia and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, but even with these hard games just off the program it should be in good shape for the Charleston team and the men expected when they left here Tuesday that this would be one of their victories.

# TWO BIG BASKETBALL BATTLES THIS WEEK

Normal-West Virginia Game at Fairmont will Be Most Interesting State Event.

The coming week promises considerable excitement in the intercollegiate basketball race for West Virginia. The most important contest from this standpoint, perhaps, is that between the Fairmont normal school and West Virginia University to be staged at Fairmont. Fairmont has already beaten West Virginia at Morgantown, but this game occurred early in the year before the gold and blue team had properly gotten its bearings and there is much question as to whether or not Fairmont can repeat the trick even with the advantage of its home floor.

Friday night Washington and Jefferson will play Wesleyan at Buckhannon and while having no bearing on the state race, inasmuch as Washington and Jefferson plays no other state teams, it will provide for the lovers of basketball a game that will be full of excitement from beginning to end. Washington and Jefferson has a first class basketball five and each year is a contender for the Pennsylvania championship. Wesleyan at present is going at top speed and the game will be one of the features of its home season.

Two games between independent and college teams will be played during the week. Davis and Elkins will meet the Keyser Collegians at Elkins Saturday night and Wednesday night Wesleyan will meet the Charleston team at Charleston. Keyser beat Davis and Elkins by a good score, but the Davis and Elkins team, travelling at its present clip, will make sailing pretty rough and the chances are, will be beaten.

Interest for the week in college basketball will naturally center on the Fairmont-West Virginia game at Fairmont Wednesday night and the Wesleyan-Washington and Jefferson game at Buckhannon Friday. These will provide two of the highest class games played in the state during the entire year and will attract practically the entire attention of state fans.

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STRAIGHT DOPE.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Jim Rice, the Columbia University rowing coach, is telling a good story on himself these days. Rice has been endeavoring to arouse greater enthusiasm for rowing at Columbia and to down the report that he is about to quit because he can't get enough candidates to report for the crew. "I went up to a big freshman and asked why didn't he come out for the crew," said Rice.  
"What's the use?" he said. "Haven't you heard the stories. Rice is going to leave."  
"Leave? Who told you?"  
"Why, I got it from Rice direct."  
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# NORMAN TABOR MAY TRY FOR A NEW RECORD

Holder for the World's Record for a Mile Run May Try for Three-Quarter Record.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—If Norman S. Tabor listens to the call of his former trainer, the holder of the world's record for the mile will make another attack upon running records during the coming summer. Ed O'Connor, former Brown University trainer, who prepared Tabor for his successful race at the Harvard stadium on July 16, 1915, when he made new figures for the mile, is anxious that Tabor take a try at the three-quarter mile record. O'Connor is confident that the former Brown and Oxford, Eng., University runner can easily lower the time now found against this event in the record books.

Tabor has a remarkable record as a middle distance runner both in this country and in England where he studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar. He was a pace maker for John Paul Jones, of Cornell, when the latter lowered the one mile amateur record at the intercollegiate games in 1912. After running a dead heat with Jones in the mile event the year previous, in 1914 he was a member of the Oxford University four mile relay team which defeated the University of Pennsylvania team in the sensational event of the Pennsylvania relay carnival. In that event the first three relays ran comparatively even and Jackson of Oxford and McCurdy of Pennsylvania finished the final mile with less than a foot lead for the English runner. Last year Tabor surpassed all his previous efforts when he ran a special paced mile under the American Athletic Union sanction in 4:12 3/5 establishing a new world's record in both amateur and professional divisions.

Now O'Connor believes that Tabor can lower the three-quarter mile record as well and the trainer's contention appears to be well supported by Tabor's performances in the past. The three-quarter mile, which is equivalent to 1,220 yards, is an unusual racing distance and there have been few attempts made for the record in this event in recent years. The late Tommy Connell made the outdoor amateur record on August 21, 1895, when he ran the distance in 3:02 4-5. The indoor record is held by J. P. Driscoll who hung up 3:07 at Buffalo, March 15, 1913. The professional record dates back to June 30, 1866, when W. Richards, of England, ran the 1,320 yards in 3:07. In his record mile Tabor ran at the rate of 3:09 1-2 for the three-quarter mile. O'Connor has reason to believe that Tabor can cut under Connell's record if he will consent to train for the test for securing the latter's consent to make the attempt is something else again although O'Connor is confident that he will be successful in winning Tabor back to the cinder track for this special effort.

The opening of numerous service stations, where expert factory-trained men inspect batteries and explain their care, free of charge, has done a great deal to place the storage battery before the car owner as something which he can easily understand and care for and not as a forbidding mystery.

# MARSHALL EXPECTS GREAT BASEBALL NINE

This Season as All of Last Year's Championship Team Will Be Back.

HUNTINGTON, Feb. 12.—The last week has been a very busy one for Coach Chambers and his cohorts at Marshall. The finishing touches were put on most of the shows for the big carnival which is to be held next week, beginning the seventeenth and ending the nineteenth. Of all the shows the minstrel show is attracting the most attention. It is made up of thirty-five of the best voices in school and some of the best talent. The costumes have arrived from Cincinnati and present a striking appearance. The slogan that was adopted at the beginning of the carnival preparation, "A bigger and better carnival" seems to be near realization.

Stars to Return. Athletic Director Chambers was assured this week of the return to school of Lawrence Cook, and Hill for baseball. With the return of these stars Marshall is assured of a first class team as she will have all of her last year's team besides several good men who have just entered school for their first time. The fans around Huntington are loud in their praises of the sensational pitching of Lawrence, the steady and heady catching of Cook, and the brilliant work of Short Stop Hill. It will be remembered that Hill started the 1915 season with the Marshall team and suffered a broken leg after he had played but a few games. At that time he was hailed as the best short-stop in the state.

Infeld is Inact. Besides the players just mentioned the whole last year's infeld and most of the outfield is intact. Workman, Echols, Callaway, and Spencen for the infeld are all in school with O'Brien and Derrien bidding high for the first base berth and Crawford for second base. In the outfield Edler and Fisher will be seen at their old posts while a number of new men will be out to try for the other outfield position, the most likely candidates for this position being Raper and Rhodes.

For the catching corps there will be, in addition to Cook, Capt. Shannon and Pinch-hitter Hollandsworth. With this trio on the job Marshall is confident that the receiving end of the line will be well taken care of. On the pitching staff, in addition to the mighty Lawrence, there will be Davidson, Dotson, Clyde Fisher and Beverly Maynard of city league fame. With all these men in good shape the fans are confident that the Marshall team will win a large majority of their games, even though they play the largest and best university teams in the United States. Taking everything into consideration the Marshall team for 1916 bids fair to far excel any team that ever represented the Green and White on a baseball diamond or on any other field for that matter.

# Wolverton and Chance To Resume Old Fight

Boys Who Started Out Together Have Been Fighting in National Game for Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—In the heat of the coming campaign when the schedule sets the Seals and Angels at each others' throats, there is going to be a great deal more at stake than the mere question of winning games.

On the corner of one bench will sit Harry Wolverton, and the grim lines of his chin will become grimmer still when his gaze encounters the figure of a man on the opposition bench—the figure of Frank Chance, the lines of whose life have become strangely crossed with his.

Years ago when Chance was a mere boy doing the backstop work for the old Chicago Cubs, a young fellow joined the club as third baseman. He was a youngster just breaking into the majors and his name was Wolverton—the same Harry Wolverton San Francisco fans know and respect.

Rivalry Always Keen. Rivalry was keen between the young fellows, who were of approximately the same age; it amounted almost to a passion. Time passed and Chance seemed to be the favored of fortune. He became the manager of the club and Wolverton had passed of home games this season last, and that is saying much, as the home schedule for last year was the best in the state. In football the last remaining date was filled by Georgetown college at Georgetown on October 21. Director Chambers certainly has done remarkably well in arranging such fine schedules for the Marshall teams for this season and next.


twenty-two points. St. Albans, of Washington, D. C., was second with fifteen points and Princeton University was third with thirteen points. There were 500 entries from the East and the South.

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Chance Also Falls. Wolverton had failed. Chance would succeed where the task was too much for him. But he didn't, and in a short time he had followed in Wolverton's footsteps and joined the list of exes. One might think the curious parallel would end there. Way out to the Pacific coast Wolverton came—alone. Now the wheel has turned again, and once again the figure of Frank Chance is on the horizon. What will the answer be?

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